

Marriages of Overseas Indians

†175. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Overseas Indians face difficulties in getting married;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government propose to enact a law to dispense justice to overseas Indian victims of marriages and put a curb on financial fraud?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs does not maintain data on difficulties/problems faced by overseas Indians in getting married. However instances of problems arising from marriages to overseas Indians are received from time to time.

- (c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Death of Indians in Saudi Arabia

176. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of that nearly 300 Indians died in Saudi Arabia during this year due to unnatural causes;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the leading cause of unnatural deaths were on account of suicides committed mainly due to non-payment of salaries, harassment by employers; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard with the Saudi Government?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Embassy of India, Riyadh, as on 14.11.06 out of total 1155 deaths in KSA about

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